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Classified By: DCM DANIEL A. CLUNE. REASON: 1.4 (B) AND (D)

(C/NF) We delivered the demarche to Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade America's Division First Assistant Secretary Les Luck and to America's Division Acting Assistant

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Secretary John Woods. Woods said that Australian interaction

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with Cuba is low-key, noting that relations between Canberra and Havana are "cordial, but not close." Both Luck and Woods said they will provide a more detailed response to demarche points shortly.